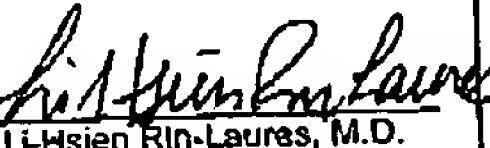


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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed December 15, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants also submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 4 of this Amendment.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this Amendment.